

## CHURCH HISTORY SEVEN PERIODS OF THE CHURCH

### **I. THE APOSTOLIC CHURCH - *Ephesus* - “desirable”**

From the Day of Pentecost 30 AD  
To the completion of the N.T. about 100 AD

### **II. THE PERSECUTED CHURCH - *Smyrna* - “crushed”**

From the completion of the N.T. about 100 AD  
To the Edict of Constantine 313 AD

### **III. THE IMPERIAL CHURCH - *Pergamos* - “married”**

From the Edict of Constantine 313 AD  
To the Fall of Rome 476 AD

### **IV. THE MEDIEVAL CHURCH - *Thyatira* - “continual sacrifice”**

From the Fall of Rome 476 AD  
To the Fall of Constantinople 1453 AD

### **V. THE REFORMED CHURCH - *Sardis* - “remnant”**

From the Fall of Constantinople 1453 AD  
To the End of the Thirty Year War 1678 AD

### **VI. THE MODERN CHURCH - *Philadelphia* - “brotherly love”**

From the end of the Thirty Year War 1678 AD  
To the Twentieth Century 1950's AD

### **VII. THE LAODICEAN CHURCH - *Laodicea* - “rule by the people”**

From the Twentieth Century 1950's AD  
To the present day